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Application Number 09/788,264**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the abstract, found in the specification on page 26, as follows:

ABSTRACT**ADMINISTRATION OF THERAPEUTIC OR DIAGNOSTIC AGENTS USING
INTERLABIAL PAD**

~~A method is disclosed for administering an agent (for example delivering a drug or diagnostic agent) is delivered~~ intravaginally or to the interlabial space by positioning an interlabial device, such as an absorbent pad, between the labia. The pad is retained between the labia ~~for a sufficient period of time~~ to deliver an active agent, or allow a reaction with a diagnostic agent. Alternatively, the pad is applied after medication is administered, ~~for example intravaginally or labially or perilabially,~~ to help reduce discomfort to the subject, or loss of medication. The active agent may be carried by the pad itself, or in an intravaginal extension of the pad, or separately in a suppository or other dosage form. In particular examples, the pad has a smaller minor portion superimposed on a larger major portion, and the smaller minor portion is inserted as a leading edge between the labia of the subject to facilitate interlabial insertion. In another example, the pad is placed interlabially after insertion of an agent (such as a medicated suppository) into the vagina, to inhibit loss of the medication from the vagina. The pad can have a variety of shapes, including major and minor portions that are portions of spheres or ellipsoids, or which are elongated and have cross sections that are circular or ellipsoid, or pads which are folded.